

Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby
Commander, Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba



Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby is a 1975 graduate of the Admiral Farragut Academy and a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science in Nautical Science and United States Coast Guard Third Mate License. He attended U.S. Naval War College earning a master's degree in strategic studies and international affairs, and additionally holds a master's degree in international relations from Salve Regina University. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College.

As a Surface Warfare Officer, he made numerous deployments in cruisers and destroyers to include: USS *Connole* (FF 1056), USS *Aries* (PHM 5), USS *Yorktown* (CG 48) and USS *Shiloh* (CG 67). Rear Adm. Buzby commanded the destroyer USS *Carney* (DDG 64) which included the ship's first Mediterranean/Persian Gulf deployment. Under his command, *Carney* was awarded two Battle Efficiency awards, the Navy Unit Commendation, Gold and Silver retention excellence awards, and the USS *Arizona* Memorial Award as the most combat ready ship in the U.S. Navy over a two year period.

Following this tour, Rear Adm. Buzby returned to sea as 6th Fleet assistant operations officer participating in combat operations as part of Operation *Allied Force*. He then assumed command of Destroyer Squadron 31 as the sea combat commander for *Abraham Lincoln* Battle Group during two deployments in support of Operations *Southern Watch* and *Enduring Freedom*.

Ashore, he has served on the Navy staff as the Point Defense AAW Section Head for Surface Warfare Division (OP-352E), and as Aegis Combat System Development Officer (N865G3). Early joint experience was on the Joint Staff, Joint Operations Division (J-33/JOD) as an operations officer and Chairman's Briefer. He was the 16th Commanding Officer of Surface Warfare Officers School Command.

As a flag officer, Rear Adm. Buzby has served in the Navy Staff as Deputy for Surface Ships (N86E), Deputy for Surface Warfare (N86B), and most recently as Deputy for Expeditionary Warfare (N85B).

In May 2007, Rear Adm. Buzby assumed his current position as Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

Rear Adm. Buzby's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), and various other unit and campaign awards. In 1984, he was an Atlantic Junior Officer Ship handling Award winner.

